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FOR SCHAUFLE FROM SEELYE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), MASS, CG

SUBJECT: ARMS PACKAGE FOR ZAIRE

REF: SECTO 27138

1. WE HAVE IN PREPARATION AN OPTIONS PAPER FOR SECRETARY'S CONSIDERATION TO BE PRESENTED TO HIM IN ADVANCE OF MEETING WITH MOBUTU, WHICH WE WILL SEND YOU LATER TODAY.
2. YOU WILL RECALL THAT BEFORE YOU LEFT I DESCRIBED TO YOU NATURE OF DOD PACKAGE AND NOTED THAT IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT LIKELY TO COME CLOSE TO SATISFYING MOBUTU. FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE PROPOSING ALTERNATIVES WHICH WOULD ADVANCE DATES OF DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT, NOTABLY TANKS. TO DO THE LATTER, WE WILL HAVE TO DIVERT TANKS FROM OTHER RECIPIENTS. THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH SECRETARY CAN DECIDE.
3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE MUST BALANCE OFF ZAIRE'S PATENT INABILITY TO HANDLE THIS EQUIPMENT IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE AGAINST POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS.

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